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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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AND SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please cancel Claims 1-17 without prejudice.

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Please add new Claims 18-33 as follows:

--18. A network control system comprising:

a computer network;

a plurality of image forming apparatuses connected to said computer network, each image forming apparatus configured to record an image on a recording paper;

a server connected to said computer network and configured to store information items of the plurality of image forming apparatuses connected to said computer network;

a computer connected to said computer network, comprising,

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